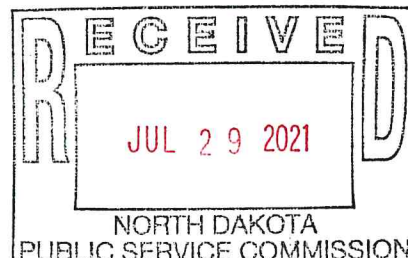


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RE: Montana Dakota Utilities / PU-21-151
OAH File No. 20210186

Dear Mr. Schuh:

This letter is regarding your June 22, 2021, request of the designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing in the matter of Montana Dakota Utilities Co. / PU-21-151. I hereby designate Hope L. Hogan to be assigned as an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing in regard to this matter. Because the administrative law judge will not be making recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law, or issuing a recommended order, the person or persons who will be making the final administrative decision in regard to this matter (*i.e.*, the commission) must be in attendance at the hearing.

Please send all additional relevant documents (correspondence, and other pleadings and documents) to the designated administrative law judge in care of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 2911 North 14th Street- Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58503. ALJ Hogan will preside over the previously scheduled hearing on October 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Dawson", enclosed within a blue oval scribble.

Timothy J. Dawson
Director

cc: Allison Mann, MDU Resources Group
Hope L. Hogan, Administrative Law Judge

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